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FOUL PLAY MORE THAN SUSPECTED

SCOTT'S HIRED HAND IS TURNED LOOSE TO TELL THE TALE

Thrilling Experience of His Companions
Story of His Defalcation and Subsequent Arrest, Flight and Trial.

He was captured about midnight in a lonely part of the country, north of this city. He was returning with his wife, baby, hired man named John Schmidt and Miss McWharter, from a trip to relatives about thirteen miles from O'Neill when six masked men

sprang from the roadside where they had been concealed and covering the carriage with Winchesters, ordered Scott to surrender. Scott seized the reins and attempted to drive over the men. The men then fired into the carriage, killing the horses and shooting Scott in the neck and wounding Miss McWharter, though not seriously. The first party was then joined by a larger force, which had been placed across

the road further to intercept the carriage had it escaped the first volley.

Scott and Schmidt were taken from the vehicle, blindfolded and thrown into a wagon, and the ladies were told to go on. Today Schmidt returned and said that he had been taken to a cow house in the northwest part of the county with Scott. Schmidt was released with the injunction to get out of the country. It is believed that Scott has been hanged, as the farmers are ter-

STORY OF HIS DEFALCATION
Scott's defalcation as county treasurer of Holt county, his flight to Mexico, his subsequent arrest, the strong fight made against his extradition, his return in Irons, incarceration, trial, conviction, sentence, appeal, and release on bonds two weeks ago, have been told at length from time to time since a year ago last August, when

Scott's troubles began in January 1892, at the close of his first term, when he was asked to allow the commissioners to see the cash that his books showed to be in his hands. Scott did not have the money on hand, there being but \$7,548 in the vault when the commissioners made their first visit. They then gave Scott ten days in which to

When the borrowed money was shipped out the next day, and the board learned of it, and that \$75 was paid for the use of it, an investigation was started, and Scott was removed from office. It was ascertained by the commissioners in June of that year, some time after the beginning of litigation, that a number of sureties on Scott's bond were transferring their property

and he was notified that he must secure additional bond. This he failed to do. When the board met again it declared the office vacant and appointed H. J. Hayes, a Republican, to take the place. In June, 1892, Scott refused to surrender and Hayes began mandamus proceedings to get possession of the office, but the case went to the district court when it was hung up for a year awaiting the decision of the supreme court. In the case of the supreme

before, and it was not definitely ascertained on until after Scott had gone to Mexico.

REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

Judge Marshall of the Fremont district was invited by Judge Kincald to pass upon it and he declared Scott removed from office, practically confirming the voluntary abdication of the defaulter.

When the Holt county bank failed on June 2, 1892, Scott asserted that there

was about \$40,000 of county funds tied up there but after statements were made by the bank officials he gradually modified the amount to \$20,000. The statement of the bank examiner and receiver were to the effect that the sum was but \$14,000 and of this amount \$7,000 was deposited by Scott to his private account. After Scott had been jailed at O'Neill, legal machinery was put in motion to effect his release. Habeas corpus was granted.

was originally fixed at \$1,000, but was later raised by Judge Kinsaid to \$15,000. This amount was asserted to be excessive, but the court refused to lower it.

Recourse to the supreme court gave no relief and finally after Scott had been nominally in jail for several months, he was liberated on bail. His case was taken to Antelope county on change of venue and the trial last September resulted in his conviction and

sentence to five years imprisonment. Pending an appeal his bond was fixed at \$70,000. This he could not secure and the matter was taken to the state supreme court. On Dec. 5 that body decided that the bond was excessive and reduced the amount from \$70,000 to \$40,000. In a day or two Scott secured the necessary bondsmen and was released on bail. Upon his release he returned to Holt county.

BROKE JAIL FOR KEEPS.
Five Desperate and Notorious Criminals
Saw Their Way to Liberty.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 1.—Five desperate prisoners sawed their way out of the Buchanan county jail here during the night. The fact was not known until 8 o'clock this morning. By that time, the men, who, it was later learned, are all armed and had made good their

escape. The escaped prisoners are: Patrick Crowe, Ira Curtner, Joe Dusty, William Fulmer and James Owens. Crowe is one of the men who headed the train robbers who operated so boldly and successfully in this city last winter. He is a desperate man, and is wanted in half a dozen different states for serious crimes. Dusty was under sentence of death for rape, a stay of execution having been granted to allow the man a chance to pass upon the merits of his appeal to the state supreme court.

The prisoners escaped by sawing from the top of the corridor window and lowering themselves to the ground with ropes. Four saws were found in the jail this morning. Thomas Hoffman, a trusty, was found lying bound and

argued in the corridor, but the authorities assert that he furnished the tools and that he released the prisoners from the cells into the corridor.